

# Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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## The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.*

*Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

On this feast, as at the crib, in a glance of faith we embrace together the divine Child and the persons beside him: his most holy Mother and Joseph. What light shines from this Christmas 'group icon'! A light of mercy and salvation for the whole world, a light of truth for every person, for the human family and for individual families.... To contemplate the Holy Family enables us to appreciate the gift of family intimacy in a special way, and spurs us to offer human warmth and solidarity in those unfortunately numerous situations which, for various reasons, lack peace, harmony, in a word, lack 'family'.

The message that comes from the Holy Family is first of all a message of faith: the family of Nazareth is a home which truly centers on God. For Mary and Joseph, this choice of faith becomes concrete in their service to the Son of God entrusted to their care, but it is also expressed in their mutual love, rich in spiritual tenderness and fidelity. With their life, they teach that marriage is a covenant between man and woman, a covenant that involves reciprocal fidelity and rests upon their common trust in God—such a noble, profound and definitive covenant, as to constitute for believers the sacrament of love of Christ and of the Church. The spouses' fidelity stands like a solid rock on which the children's trust rests. When parents and children together breathe this atmosphere of faith they have a ready energy that enables them to face even difficult trials, as the Holy Family's experience shows.”

~ Pope St. John Paul II

## Mass Schedule December 26 — January 3

Saturday 12/26: The Holy Family	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †All Healthcare Workers—Living and Deceased
Sunday 12/27: The Holy Family	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Wednesday 12/30:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 12/31: New Year's Eve	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. (Livestreamed Facebook) †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Friday 01/01: New Year's Day	OLH Mass 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday 01/02: The Epiphany of the Lord	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/03: The Epiphany of the Lord	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. Fr. Gary Zerr

### Bulletin & Mass Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Monday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you!



**Safe Environment**—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.



**"The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are signs of hope, especially in this difficult time. Let us be sure we do not stop at the sign, but get to the meaning, that is, to Jesus, to the love of God that He revealed to us, the infinite goodness that he made shine on the world."**

~Pope Francis tweet on 12/18/20

**Mass Intentions**—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

### Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

**St. Anthony**—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, William Ashworth, Terrie Rosenfeld, Anna Corbin

**Our Lady of the Hills**—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede, Doug Rollins, Anna Corbin, Vickie Ayooob

**Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.**

### Stewardship Report for December 19 & 20, 2020

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,615.00
Holy Day—Christmas	350.00
Other	100.00

Attendance Saturday—25 Sunday—47

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 839.00
Building Fund	35.00
Other	45.00

Attendance Sunday—26

**Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!**



### Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims

If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.

## Music for Liturgy

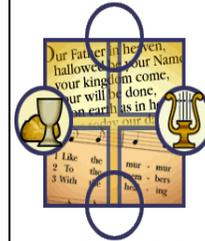
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<b>Entrance:</b>	Angels from the Realms of Glory — #108
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Healing
<b>Offertory:</b>	The Snow Lay on the Ground — #102
<b>Communion:</b>	O Come, Little Children — #86
<b>Recessional:</b>	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — #92

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### Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule A Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve	5:30 p.m.	SA
New Year's Day	9:00 a.m.	OLH

**The 5:30 p.m. Mass on New Year's Eve at St. Anthony for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be livestreamed on the Facebook pages of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills.**



### St. Anthony Socks and Gloves

**Thank you to everyone who donated socks and gloves for the Veterans Center.**



**The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1.**

### Survey of Catholic Doctrine (January 3 – February 6)

A five-week course offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This is a hybrid model offering both live weekly lectures (through Zoom) as well as a rich variety of online resources.

We will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church including the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. We will explore and deepen our understanding of terms and concepts such as: magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.

If you are a catechist, work with the RCIA, couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing to baptize their children, or are an adult interested in deepening your faith, please join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese as we learn more about our Tradition.

**This course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition.**

**The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.**

**For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at the Diocese at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).**



## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: January 1**

In the encyclical *Marialis Cultus* (1974) Pope Paul VI states: "This celebration is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'Holy Mother . . . through whom we were found worthy . . . to receive the Author of life.' It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason . . . we have instituted [on the same day, January 1], the World Day of Peace".

Like the Churches of the East, Rome wished to honour the Virgin Mother of God during the days after Christmas. As a result the ("Anniversary of St. Mary") made its appearance on January 01 in the 7th century; In the West, January 01 is an inaugural day marking the beginning of the civil year. The faithful are also involved in the celebrations for the beginning of the New Year and exchange "new year" greetings. However, they should try to lend a Christian understanding to this custom making of these greetings an expression of popular piety. The faithful, naturally, realize that the "new year" is placed under the patronage of the Lord, and in exchanging New Year greetings they implicitly and explicitly place the New Year under the Lord's dominion, since to him belongs all time.

## Congratulations to Father Tijo George



On Thursday, December 31, Father Tijo George celebrates the 12th Anniversary of his Ordination. Father Tijo, thank you for your caring and devoted ministry to St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. **May God bless you with many more years in His service.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY**

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us. Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us. Amen.

~ **St. Teresa of Calcutta**



## **THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PARISHIONERS**



Fr. Tijo George thanking you for the many beautiful and heartfelt Good Wishes, Cards and Thoughtful Gifts over the Holidays. Even if I cannot contact each parishioner personally, be assured of my gratitude and prayers.

Many thanks to the choir members that add much to our liturgies, the sacristan, the servers, the ushers, the lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, those who decorated the Churches very beautifully, those who donated flowers, and so many who worked with love and devotion to make our churches and ceremonies beautiful and prayerful over the holidays. Thanks to your generosity.

# HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face  
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



## **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of the  
Devil.

May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

